STOCK TRADING IS

Market the Dullest in Months and Brokers Confine Their Operations to a Limited Number of lesues.

B. R. T. SHOWS SOME LIFE.

preigners Buy Steel Common o Supposition that It Will Hold Its Value-Copper Shares the Favor in the Dealings.

Stock trading was at a low ebb to-ay, the volume of transactions being below the normal and only equal & quiet Saturday's business. The day as the dullest for months, the market

London, which has been a steady buyer and whose purchasing wrecked the latest bear campaign, did very little on either side to-day. Foreign houses bought Steel common and sold the preferred, which attracted some attention and caused some speculation. The buying was for houses that usually have good sources of information. have good sources of information the inference is that these have assurances that the common diviand will be paid at the present rate or some time. The signing of a con-act by the Steel Comporation for 200,000 frances of steel products for exenormous growth of the export

It is pointed out that the common present prices is paying about 20 cent. while the preferred is paying than 14, so if these foreign houses re assurances that the dividend or on is still to be paid their action is easily understood. The chances for an advance in the price of the comhan the same chance for the pre-

rooklyn Rayid Transit and Sugar. settlements made. rooklyn was active and the price ad-anced to 51 3-8, but it was noticeable Life and fluct but three traders did the greatest part younger members of the Exchange of the business in the stock. These were was dominating—Jay Gould. Nor

ng a gain of 1 3-4 points, part of which

Copper has been active and the buying has been of the same character operating in the stock are still taking and strong. and expect to see it sell at much

the day with the fluctuations fractional and around yesterday's closing prices. The tractions, as usual, were strong sympathy with Brooklyn, although t is generally recognized that Brookmarket closed irregular, some above last night's close, some

hares and of bonds \$1,610,000.

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Fur garments of every description appropriate for every occasion from automobiling to opera.

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The neck Furs so favored by the mode of the present season are very varied in design, and extremely moderate in price.

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OPIE READ SEES BULLS AND BEARS

Famous Humorist Discusses the Peculiarities of Wall Street and the Varied Customs of the Notable Figures Who Are Found There.

BY OPIE READ. Author of "A Kentucky Colonel," "A Tennessee Judge," "The Jucklins,"

> "The Starbucks," Etc. ARTICLE II.

NUMBER of shrewd nerve specialists hang about the Stock Exchange to treat worn-out speculators after an exciting session. With many of the men of millions it is a continuous case of patching up, to last from one day to another. It is like doctoring the roosters in the cockpit, giving a spurting strength for a final effort. And in other respects it is not unlike a cockpit. In one a finger up means the buying or selling of thousands of shares, and in the other it means a bet. In The only notable fluctuations were in neither case is money visible. And not until after the performance are

Life anid fluctuating quotations makes memories poor, and some of the younger members of the Exchange can scarcely recall a force which once

would that great conqueror of circumstances know Wall street to-day. When he died it was mainly brick,

WOULD BE STRANGE TO JAY GOULD NOW.

the Cuban Reciprocity bill would be and now it is mostly marble. Here and there are carved portals, almost lost among towering heights, but which, if in Europe, surrounded by grounds, would be visited and rapturously commented upon by Americans.

Every day to the Exchange the operators come with fresh and lusty bellows, as if the financial fight were becoming fiercer and fiercer as the days that has been noticeable for some days. The Boston parties that have been go by. And here, as elsewhere, the old and weak give place to the young

Noticeable was Phil Miles, Beau Nash, with trousers newly creased. The standard railroad shares were They say that he is as neat in transaction as in attire, and, if this be true, dill and inactive for the most part of he must be smooth. Should misfortune force him out into the unimportant world he might aptly serve as a tailor's advertisement. He picked an offending thread off his coat sleeve, looked up at the great blackboard where

MOVES AS QUIETLY

falling like the play of lightning in a AS A CHURCH USHER. | dark sky. As he moves about his manner is as quiet as the air of an usher in a fashionable church, and once, when compelled to sneeze, he

r, and the net changes being very turned to some one and apologized for his unwonted violence.

tion all appear to regard the immediate presence of Rudolph Keppler, who twice has been President of the Exchange. They say that he still has confidence in man. This is more remarkable, from his necessary viewpoint of life, than if he should make five millions with one flip-flap of the market. And the strange part of it is that he is rarely caught. Perhaps his quiet eye is shrewd enough to see through a "toucher."

"About how much is the matriculating fee in this institution?" the old planter inquired, and the guide answered: "Well, about sixty-five thousand at present.

The old man scratched his head. "Why, sir, that is enough to buy a railroad bill through the Legislature. Sixty-five thousand! I don't see why a man should want any more money than that. With that much a man could live for two months in an apartment-house facing Central Park. I outside securities were: don't say that he could cat at some of your enack houses during the time
that is, and give the waiters what they would regard as a fair compensation
for saying 'thank you.' But tell me, are all those men down there leaders in
society?"

American Can
American Can
Greene Copper
Marine pf
Standard Oil
Standard Oil

"Well, not all of them. The fact is that many of them are mere puppets, dancing when some great man pulls the string. Not many of them

NOT ALE OF THEM KINGS OF FINANCE.

cut much ice from the financial pond. But some of them are 'characters.' See that fellow with yellowish flowers on his buff yest? That is Ne

They say that Ned was wafted in somewhere from the Indian Territory Charges by Federal Official with ars ago, and although handy with a gun out there, he walked with tenyears ago, and although handy with a gun out there, he walked with tender feet over the stones of Wall street. He had only a few hundred dollars, the reward paid by the Government for the capture of a horse thief, but hesaw things after he got his bearings and began to dabble in the outer

west. Un. Tel... Stills Stills

a severer punishment. So he took his wife around to the printing office and Coyne unite in saying that the sale was not valid and will not affect the order, of the Canadian court. It is practifily assured that the Government will make no effort to pay off the canadian court. The properties.

GOT AWAY FROM

THE AGED SQUAW.

When he fainted they picked him up and mopped his face with whiskey. The reorganising syndicate represented to the hotel and at the door the squaw stood guard, waiting the bases. Drummon and Clergie claim. They took him to the hotel and at the door the squaw stood guard, waiting for some and Clergue claim of secured \$6,000.00 [toward into the squaw stood guard, waiting for him to recover. But the board roof was loose and Ned got away. And sting by the arm of the new company, significant of the same company with the issue of lock and bonds. It is promised to lock and bonds, it is promised to lock and \$10,00,300 bonds, who subscribed will get for their the \$10,000,000 bonds and a bonds who subscribed to the first man whose life has been completely changed by a woman.

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"You don't say. Well, sir, that is remarkable enough to spot him."

The old fellow declared that not as yet had he succeeded in setting thang of the Street. But he may, and when he does the chances are continuously and the street again will he look upon the Stock Exchange, except in a pain-age.

To-morrow

Reduction Sale Continued

Misses' & Girls' Suits, Costumes, Cloaks and Jackets

1/3 to 2 Less Than Previous Prices

Special Inducements in Women's

Japanese Quilted Gowns Suitable for Holiday Presents

Reduced from \$12.50 510.00 Plain Colors " \$18.50 \$15.50

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Women's Extra Quality Ingrain Lisle and Cotton Hose, with double soles, Women's Fast Black Lisle Thread Hose, 390 embroidered fronts or open-work lace ankles, Value 60c Women's Very Fine Lisle Thread Hose, lace effects with embroidery and fancy designs, Value 95c Men's Extra Quality Fancy Half Hose, Value 45c

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Special Offerings To-morrow

Women's Real French Kid Gloves, in contrasting and \$1.00 harmonizing shades of the season's most popular colors, Men's and Women's 1-Clasp or Button P. X. M. Cape Gloves, specially adapted for street wear, 75 Dozen English Saddle-stitched Hand-sewn, Cape Gloves, for Men and Women,

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Made of heavy Imported Silks. Colors and solid black or white. Chiefly English weaves.

English Squares. Made up Puffs. Tecks. French Four-in-hands.

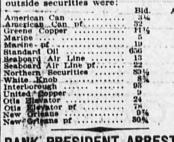
> 1.00 each value 2.00.

. Twenty-third Street.

STOCKS STEADY ON CURB.

Standard Oll Is Again Cut in the Outside Market.

The curb market was steady to-day with trading dull. Standard Oll was lowered to 658, a loss of 2 points. The



BANK PRESIDENT ARRESTED.

WOODSVILLE, N. H., Dec. 16.-Allin National Bank of Berlin and Vice-President of the Gorham National Bank thited States Marshal Nute on charge of making a dalse entry in valuing a note for \$5.000 at the first-named institution.

Hastman was held in \$10,000 bonds.

THE COTTON MARKET.

mistake and printed a paragraph which the County Clerk managed to make out, and it was uncomplimentary to an old Indian who was a candidate for the Legislature. Some of the Indian's friends carefully considered the matter and advised him to kill Ned, but the shrewd old buck decided upon a severer punishment. So he took his wife around to the printing office and presented her to Ned. Etiquette demanded that she should be accepted; she was ancient and almost toothless, but that made no differ the first man whose life has been completely changed by a woman.

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HOLIDAY RECESS FOR SENATE. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Senate Committee on Appropriations to-day agreed to report without amendment the

JAMES McGREERY & CO

Perfumery.

Houbigant's, Roger and Gallet's, Piver's, Violet's, Le Grand's and Atchison's Extracts attractively arranged in fancy boxes.

On Thursday, December 17 Hudnut's "Violet Sec" Toilet Water-in boxes.

Colgate's, Lundborg's, Oakley's, and Babcock's extracts.

25c and 5oc. per box.

Twenty-third Street.

THE WHEAT MARKET. Wheat opened firm but quiet to-day on relative steadiness of cables and covering by short sellers. The markets generally were about 1-8 of a cent higher, but eventually lost their gain, as there was nothing particular in the news to inspire much buil support, while the trade was suspicious of further selling by Armour in Chicago. ing by Armour in Chicago.

Corn started steady, but also reacted. New York's opening prices were: Wheat—May, \$4 \$-4; July, \$1 bid. Corn—May, \$9 1-4 bid.
Chicago's opening prices were: Wheat—May, \$0 7-8 to \$1; July, 75 3-4 to 75 7-8; December, 78 1-4. Corn—May, \$3 3-4; July, 43 1-8; December, 41 3-4 to 41 7-5.

Naw York's closing prices were: Wheat—May, \$5 bid; July, \$1 3-8; December, 90. Corn—May, \$5 8-bid; December, 90.

morrow, as long as quantity lasts, sq. yd.

Limit 20 Yards. No Mail

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Two Stamps Instead of One with Every 10c. Purchase. THIS WILL BE THE LAST DOUBLE STAMP DAY UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS.

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Toys, Dolls and Games Astoundingly Low.

Wide assortments and great money savings are the most attractive inducements that can be offered to toy buyers. You'll find both here—TO A GREATER DEGREE THAN IN ANY OTHER STORE WE KNOW OF. A snopping trip without liven Chemical En- 98c Skin Horses, on 79c Strong Jointed 29c gine, 3 horses..... 98c Platforms....... 29c WE KNOW OF. A shopping trip without a visit to our fourth floor toy land is not half complete.

plete Outfits, 4.00 59c Large Jointed 59c Dolls sleeping eyes. 59c Dime Registering 79c Dressed Dolls, 79c Saving Banks... 79c

Kicking Figure 98c Dressed Dolls, beau-Banks 98c Dressed Dolls, beau-Humpty Dumpty 1.00 Blackboards......25c Patent Dolls, won't 98c Iron Patrol Wagon, 98c

Large Iron Hook 98c Top, in colors.... 10c

break Swing Horses, 3.25 Extra Well Flade 2.75 Children's Desk, 69c "Can You Catch?" 25c Velccipedes, for 98c

Trinity Chimes. 98c Coasting Sleds, for 29c

Gift Furniture at Wonderfully Low Prices



Indestructible Couch, covered in Belgian velour or English corduroy, in your

choice of colors; has heavy oak frame and large claw feet; value



Golden Oak or Mahogany Finished Morris Chair, flexible web seat highly polished, including a set of reversible denim cushions: usually \$7.50, at, 4.50 complete High Back Reed Rocker, full roll back and arms;

Greatest Rug Sale in Our History

Greatest Values, Top. That Accounts for the Tremendous Success.

Rug offerings were never snapped up faster than they are going during this sale. All day yesterday and Monday there were throngs of careful buyers in this busy third floor section. Especially adapted for holiday gifts. Only great values bring results like that. Here are some of them:

98 for Oriental Hall Runners. 9 feet long and 2 feet wide, strictly hand made, rich material and Persian patterns; value \$3.75. 98 for \$15 Sandford Brussels Rugs. O

90 double extra All-Wool Brussels Rugs, 10.6 e feet long by 9 feet wide; strong, serviceable; excellent pattern; value \$15.00.

Granite Art Squares, Reversible. value \$5.00; 3.50

98 for \$27.50 All-Wool Smyrna Rugs.
Reversible, 12 feet long and 9 feet wide; beautiful patterns; Oriental, Persian and medallion designs; dark and light grounds; value \$27.50.

for Smyrna Rugs worth \$1.50.
60 inches long, 30 inches wide, reversible knotted wool fringe, beautiful pattern; value \$1.50.

for Smyrna Rugs worth \$1.50.

From the state of the Exquisite patterns in every color, to match furnishings; 9 ft. long and 7 ft. wide; value \$15

Bromley's Smyrna Rugs.

The famous John Bromley Reversible Rugs: ten different 6x9, 7.6x10.6, 9x12, designs in Oriental, Persian and floral patterns. We can-5.00 7.50 10.00

25 for Japanese "Tamie" Rugs. 5 feet long and 2 feet 6 inches wide. 12 patterns in most exquisite Turkish and Oriental designs, beautiful color effects, actual value \$3.00.

Lace Gurtains, Portieres and Upholstery.

.75 Japanese Silk Lam-

brequins, beautiful em-broidery, deep letters, fringe every color imaginable, full length and width; value \$3.00.

3.75 pair for Empire and

Brussels Carpets.

stair patterns.

1.00 pair Scotch Lace Curtains, overlock corded ed edges, full length, value green, rose, blue, terra cotta and nile;

.50 pair English Lace Curtains. 3½ yards or 10.6 feet long, 56 inches wide, value up to \$2.75 pair.

98 pair Imported Lace Curtains, 60 patterns, exquisite styles, value up to

7.98 for Arabian Lace Curtains, Heavy Corded pattern, 31/2 yards long and 54 inches wide, beautiful workmanship,

value \$4.50 pair. Granite Carpets. C Granite Carpets, one per yard for Heavy versible, strong and dur-

Linoleum big assortment of the genuine Cork Linoleum, 2 yards wide, sold regularly by us and all the leading carpet stores at not less than 60c. persq. yd; to-

mense assortment in toned and figured effects; value \$5.98. for Oriental Tapes-Moorish and Persian pat-terns, knotted fringe all around, three yards long; value \$2.00.

per yard for 65c. and

36x72 inches, with hand-knotted fringe, self-acting spring rollers, including screws, brackets, cords and everything complete, ready to hang; values up to 59c.; 24c Sofa Pillows. Thousand Silk Floss Sole Pillows, 24x24; usually sold at 65c. each; limit three to a customer; to-morrow 39

Velvet Carpets.

Table Covers.

Reversible Armure Tapestry, 3x2

yards, value \$3.00, at \$1.98; 2½x2 yards, value \$2.25, at \$1.49; 2 yards square, value \$2.00, at \$1.25; 1½ yards square, value \$1.49, at

Window Shades.

C 75c. All-Wool Tapparlor, sitting room and

per yard for W. & J. Sloane's All-Wool Velvets, in parlor, library, sitting room, hall and stair patterns; sold regularly everywhere at \$1.10. Floor Oilcloth Alden Sampson's Well-Known Floor Oil-

Cloth, in best fall patterns, 2 yards wide, sold generally at 45c. per square yard; not more than twentyfive yards to each customer, none to dealers; special tomorrow at

Meials of Trust's Branch Con pany Will Share Reduction. ELMIRA, N. Y., Dec. 16 .- Annou ent was made at the local plants o he Empire Bridge Company to-day that very employee, from General Manager waris down, will be affected by the

T. A. C. WAR.

States Steel Corporation, which will go into effect Jan. 1.

What per cent, of the present wages the cut will be is not yet known. There are about 1,500 employees. weakened discounts and lowered the What per cent. of the present wages the cut will be is not yet known. There are about 1,500 employees.

LONDON STOCKS IRREGULAR.

Americans (lose Steady After Destinage in Sarrew Market, LONDON, Deb. 16.—Money was in machine and the market to-day market ensed on realisations, but closed at the properties of gold eagles. Business on the stock was in the purpose of gold eagles. Business on the stock was in the purpose of gold eagles. Business on the stock was in the properties of gold eagles. Business on the stock was sharply inversalism. Business on the stock was in the properties of gold eagles. Business on the stock was sharply inversalism. Business on the stock was sharply inversalism. Business on the stock was sharply inversalism.